IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Narasimha R. Valiveti; Ronald S. Karr; Randall K. Shingai; Gopal Sharma

Assignee: Symantec Operating Corporation

Title: DISTRIBUTION OF DATA VOLUME VIRTUALIZATION

Application No.: 10/696,622 Filing Date: October 29, 2003

Examiner: Horace L. Flournoy Group Art Unit: 2189

Docket No.: VRT0093US Confirmation No.: 5515

Austin, Texas November 16, 2007

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P. O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 16, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring on October 16, 2007. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one-month extension of time, extending the time for response until November 16, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No amendments to the specification or drawings are presented in this paper.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Application No.: 10/696,622